

III. Seoul Metro Line 9 (BTO Project)

Seoul Metro Line 9 serves as one of latitudinal routes to the southern region of the capital. The first phase route, 25.5km from Gimpo International Airport to Gangnam, was constructed using PPP method. It is the first BTO project in the metro sector with which Seoul Metropolitan Government has given concession to Metro 9 on operation and maintenance for 30 years.

Seoul Metro Line 9 was officially opened for the balanced regional development in Seoul on July 2009. It operates express routes along the Han River to transport travelers from Gimpo International Airport to Gangnam within 30 minutes. All stations are equipped with various advanced technologies and designs including screen doors and sign systems for the disabled to provide best facilities and the best quality of services.

The project includes 14 private investors, including six financial investors.

History

1991~1997 Basic plan established for 3rd-Generation Subway

2000 Approval of basic construction plan for Subway Line 9 Phase 1

2003 Selection of potential concessionaire (Rotem Consortium)

2004 Seoul Metro Line 9 Corporation established

2005 Financial closure

2006 Approval of execution plan by Seoul Metropolitan City

2007 Commencement of construction

2008 General test drive

July 2009 Commercial operation